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CATTLE ON FEED

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The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 970,000 head as of September 1, 2024. The latest inventory was 1 percent above last month and 2 percent above the September 1, 2023 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 140,000 head of fed cattle during August 2024. This was 7 percent below last month's marketings and 3 percent below the marketings one year earlier. An estimated 155,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during August 2024, 7 percent above the previous month's placements, and 29 percent above August 2023 placements. Of the number placed in August, 16 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 19 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 19 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, 26 percent weighed from 800-899 pounds, and 19 percent weighed 900 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for August, was 5,000 head, the same as last month and last year.

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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.2 million head on September 1, 2024. The inventory was 1 percent above September 1, 2023. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 1.98 million head, 1 percent below 2023. Net placements were 1.92 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 305,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 435,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 485,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 265,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 90,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.82 million head, 4 percent below 2023. Other disappearance totaled 54,000 head during August, 2 percent below 2023.

For a full copy of the September 2024 *Cattle on Feed* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov.